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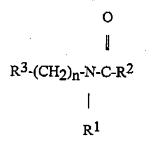
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as fo lows:

Claim 1.(currently amena ed)

A compound having the Formula I



wherein

 R^1 is pyridyl[[,]]- $\frac{1}{2}$ pyridyl[[,]] or substituted pyridyl[[,]]- $\frac{1}{2}$ -substituted pyridyl,

each-Ra and Rb ar ind spendently hydrogen or C1 C6 alkyl;

m is 0 to 4;

n is [[0,]] 1[[,]] or 2;

 R^2 is phenyl and n is 1, R^3 is not phenyl substituted by halogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt the eof.

Claim 2.(original) A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

Claim 3.(withdrawn) A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

$$R^3$$
 is

Claim 4.(currently amended) A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

 \mathbb{R}^1 is pyridyl[[,]] $\Rightarrow - \in \mathbb{H}_2$ -pyridyl.

Claim 5.(currently amen; ed) A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

R1 is substituted | hen 4 or substituted pyridyl.

Claim 6.(currently amenced) A compound in accordance with Claim1 wherein R² is <u>-OC₂alkyl-</u> substituted phenyl[[,]] or phenyl.

Claim 7.(canceled)

Claim 8.(withdrawn) The compounds:

2-Benzylsı lfan /l-N-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

N-(3,5-Di- ert-l utyl-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;

N-(3,5-Bis trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;

N-(3,5-Dit :omc -benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;

3,4-Dimetl oxy N-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-N-phenyl-benzamide;

3,4-Dimetl oxy N-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-N-phenyl-benzamide;

N-(3,4-Dic slore-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;

3,4-Dimethoxy-V-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-N-phenyl-benzamide;

N-(4-tert-B atyl-penzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide; and

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide.

Claim 9.(withdrawn) The compounds:

N-(3,4-Dich oro-)enzyl)-N-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

N-(3,5-Di-te π-bu:yl-benzyl)-N-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;

N-(3,5-Bis-t iflucromethyl-benzyl)-N-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;

N-(3,5-Dibramo-penzyl)-N-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;

N-[4-(3-Die 1ylanino-propyl)-phenyl]-N-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-benzamide;

N-[4-(3-Diet tylantino-propyl)-phenyl]-N-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-benzamide;

N-(3,4-Dic ılorc -benzyl)-N-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide; N-[4-(3-Di :thyl ımino-propyl)-phenyl]-N-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-benzamide; N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-N-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide; and 3-Methyl-t ulopl ene-2-carboxylic acid (4-iodo-phenyl)-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetr ıhyd o-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-amide.

Claim 10.(withdrawn) T ie compounds:

N-(4-Meth oxy-penzyl)-N-phenyl-benzamide;

N-(3-Meth oxy-penzyl)-N-phenyl-benzamide;

3,4,5-Trin etho :y-N-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-N-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;

N-(4-tert-I utyl benzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-N-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;

N-Bipheny 1-2-) Imethyl-3,4,5-trimethoxy-N-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;

3,4,5-Trim tho::y-N-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-N-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro napl thalen-2-ylmethyl)-benzamide;

N-(3,5-Di- ert-l utyl-benzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-N-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide

N-(3,4-Dic ılorc -benzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-N-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide

4-Isopropy -N-r yridin-3-yl-N-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-

2-ylmethyl -ber zamide; and

4-Isopropy -N-(1-methoxy-benzyl)-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide.

Claim 11.(withdrawn) The compounds:

4-Isopropy -N-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;

'N-(4-tert-F utyl-benzyl)-4-isopropyl-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;

N-Bipheny -2-ylmethyl-4-isopropyl-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;

2-Ethoxy-A-pyr din-3-yl-N-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-t enza nide;

N-(3,5-Di-t:rt-butyl-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;

N-(3,5-Dibi omo benzyl)-2-ethoxy-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;

2-Ethoxy-A -(4-riethoxy-benzyl)-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;

2-Ethoxy- V-(3 methoxy-benzyl)-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide; N-(3,4-Di hlor)-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide; and 2-Ethoxy- V-na hthalen-2-ylmethyl-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide.

Claim 12.(original) The compounds:

N-(4-tert-lautyl benzyl)-2-ethoxy-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-Biphen l-2-ylmethyl-2-ethoxy-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-(6-Buto :y-p: ridin-3-yl)-2-diethylamino-N-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro napl thalen-2-ylmethyl)-acetamide;
N-(6-Buto :y-p: ridin-3-yl)-N-(4-tert-butyl-benzyl)-2-diethylamino-acetamide;
'N-Biphen il-2- ilmethyl-N-(6-butoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-2-diethylamino-acetamide;
N-(2-Meth :xy-phenyl)-N-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-benzamide;
N-(4-Meth :xy-penzyl)-N-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;
N-(3-Meth :xy-penzyl)-N-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;
N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-N-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide; and
N-[4-(3-Di :thyl :mino-propyl)-phenyl]-N-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen 2-yl nethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 13.(withdrawn) The compounds:

ylmethyl-ar iide.

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-2-ethoxy-N-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;
N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-2-methoxy-N-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;
N-Bipheny -2-yl methyl-2-methoxy-N-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;
Benzo[b]th oph ne-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-4-yl-amide;
N-Bipheny -2-ylmethyl-N-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-2-nitro-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl -2-yl methyl-4-ethoxy-N-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl -2-yl methyl-2-ethoxy-N-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;
Benzo[1,3] lioxc le-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-amide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl nethyl-2-bromo-N-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide; and
3-Chloro-bc nzo[5]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-ylmet

Claim 14.(original) The compounds:

N-Biphen 1-2- Imethyl-2-nitro-N-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;

2-Benzylc xy-\Lambda-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-N-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;

N-Biphen 1-2- Imethyl-4-ethoxy-N-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;

N-Biphen; 1-2-: Imethyl-4-methoxy-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

N-Biphen 1-2- Imethyl-2-ethoxy-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

Benzo[1,3 diox ole-5-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide:

N-Bipheny 1-2-y lmethyl-2,4-dimethoxy-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

2-Benzylo :y-N biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

N-Bipheny 1-2-3 lmethyl-2-bromo-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide; and

Benzo[1,3 diox ple-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-(6-methoxy-pyridin

-3-yl)-ami le.

Claim 15.(original) The con pounds:

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-2-ethoxy-N-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-2-bromo-N-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-2-nitro-N-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;

2-Benzyloz y-N. biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-N-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-2-bromo-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;

3-Chloro-b:nzo_|b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-yl-amide;

Benzo[b]th oph ne-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-yl-amide;

N-Bipheny -2-ylmethyl-2-nitro-N-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;

N-Bipheny: -2-ylmethyl-2-ethoxy-N-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide; and

N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-methoxy-N-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide.

Claim 16.(original) The com sounds:

Benzo[1,3] ioxc le-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-4-yl-amide; N-Biphenyl 2-yl nethyl-2-bromo-N-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide;

N-Biphen 1-2- /lmethyl-2-nitro-N-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide;

2-Benzylc xy-\(\Lambda\)-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-\(\N\)-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide;

N-Biphen 1-2-; Imethyl-4-ethoxy-N-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide;

Benzo[b]t niopl ene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-amide;

N-Biphen: 1-2-; lmethyl-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide;

N-Biphen: 1-2-3 Imethyl-2-isopropylsulfanyl-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

N-Bipheny l-2-y lmethyl-N-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-propylsulfanyl-benzamide; and

N-Bipheny l-2-y lmethyl-N-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide.

Claim 17.(withdrawn) The compounds:

N-Bipheny |-2-y|methyl-2-isopropylsulfanyl-N-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

2-Benzylsı lfan 1-N-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-N-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

2-Benzylsı lfan I-N-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-N-(4-chloro-phenyl)-benzamide;

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-N-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-propylsulfanyl-benzamide;

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-N-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide;

 $N ext{-Bipheny}$ -2-y methyl- $N ext{-}(3,4 ext{-dimethoxy-phenyl})$ -2-isopropylsulfanyl-

benzamide

N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-N-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-3-phenylsulfanyl-benzamide;

2-Benzylsu fany l-N-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-N-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

'N-Bipheny |-2-y |methyl-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-1-sulfinyl)-

benzamide; and

'N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-2-sulfinyl)-benzamide.

Claim 18.(withdrawn) 'he compounds:

'2-Benzene ulfir yl-N-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-N-(4-chloro-phenyl)-benzamide;

'N-Bipheny -2-y methyl-N-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-1-sulfinyl)-benzamide:

N-Biphen /l-2- /lmethyl-N-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-2-sulfinyl)-benzamid ; and N-Biphen /l-2- /lmethyl-N-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-phenylmethanesulfinyl-.

- Claim 19.(currently amer ded) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Claim I in ad-mix ure vith a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- Claim 20.(currently amer fed)

 A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of

 Claim [[7]] 6 in ad mix ure with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- Claim 21. (withdrawn) ... method of treating atherosclerosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having atherosclerosis a therapeutically effective amount cf a compound of Claim 1.
- Claim 22.(withdrawn) ... method of treating atherosclerosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having atherosclerosis a therapeutically effective amount cf a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 23.(withdrawn)

 I. method of treating restenosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having restenosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- Claim 24. (withdrawn)

 A method of treating restenosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having restenosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 25.(withdrawn) A method of treating coronary heart disease, the method comprising adminitering to a patient having or at risk of having coronary heart disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

- Claim 26.(withdrawn)

 A method of treating coronary heart disease, the method comprising admit ister ng to a patient having or at risk of having coronary heart disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 27. (withdrawn) A method of treating hyperlipidemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipidemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- Claim 28.(withdrawn) A method of treating hyperlipidemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipidemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 29. (withdrawn).

 A method of treating hyperlipoproteinemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipoproteinemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Clair 1 I.
- Claim 30.(withdrawn). I. method of treating hyperlipoproteinemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipoproteinemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 7.
- Claim 31.(withdrawn). A method of treating hypercholesterolemia, the method comprising administering to a satie at having hypercholesterolemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- Claim 32. (withdrawn) A method of treating hypercholesterolemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypercholesterolemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 33.(withdrawn) A method of treating hypertriglyceridemia, the method comprising administering to a 1 aties t having hypertriglyceridemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of (laim 1.

- Claim 34.(withdrawn) A method of treating hypertriglyceridemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypertriglyceridemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 35. (withdrawn) A method of treating obesity, the method comprising administering to an obese patien: a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- Claim 36.(withdrawn) A method of treating obesity, the method comprising administering to an obese patien a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 37.(withdrawn) ... method of lowering plasma concentrations of apoB containing lipoproteins, the n ethod comprising administering to a patient in need of lowering of apoB containing lipoproteins in plasma a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- Claim 38. (withdrawn)

 I method of lowering plasma concentrations of apoB containing lipoproteins, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of lowering of apoB containing lipoproteins in plasma a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 39.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of Lp(a), the method comprising administering to a patient in need of Lp(a) lowering a therapeutically effective amount o a compound of Claim 1.
- Claim 40.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of Lp(a), the method comprising administering to a patient in need of Lp(a) lowering a therapeutically effective amount o a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 41.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of LDL, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of LDL lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

- Claim 42.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of LDL, the method comprising ad ministering to a patient in need of LDL lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.
- Claim 43.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of triglycerides, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of triglyceride lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- Claim 44.(withdrawn) ... method of lowering the plasma concentration of triglycerides, the method compr sing administering to a patient in need of triglyceride lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.